

FEDERAL FACILITIES FORUM TELECONFERENCE

April 11, 2002

UPDATE ON SPRING 2002 TSP MEETING

Chris Villarreal (Region 6) provided an update on the Spring 2002 TSP meeting to be held June 3-6 at the Magnolia Hotel in Denver, CO. Members planning to attend the meeting are urged to make room reservations directly with the hotel (888-915-1110) prior to May 3. Members also are requested to register for the meeting by contacting Diane Dopkin (EMS, Inc.) at 301-589-5318.

The meeting agenda includes:

Monday, June 3:

- Indoor air workshop (addressing “vapor intrusion” into buildings) sponsored by the Ground Water Forum (full day)

Tuesday, June 4:

- Perchlorate training sponsored by the Federal Facilities Forum (morning)
- Forum business sessions (afternoon)

Wednesday, June 5:

- Mining presentations (morning)
- Mining site field trip sponsored by the Engineering Forum (afternoon)

Thursday, June 6:

- Plenary sessions with the ITRC and meetings with the ITRC’s DNAPL and UXO subgroups.

Forum members are requested to send suggestions for discussion topics during the Forum business sessions to one of the Co-Chairs as soon as possible.

UPDATE ON FALL 2002 TSP MEETING

Due to potential conflicts with Labor Day travel and funding constraints, the Fall 2002 TSP meeting is likely to be rescheduled. The Co-Chairs are investigating alternate dates in October or November.

FUDS POLICY UPDATE

Scott Marquess (Region 7) informed the Forum that Marianne Lamont Horinko (OSWER Assistant Administrator) signed EPA’s FUDS policy on March 25, 2002. Copies of the policy are being distributed to EPA regions.

STATUS OF LANGLEY ROD

Stacie Driscoll (Region 3) updated the Forum on the status of ongoing disputes regarding the ROD for Langley AFB, where the absence of an FFA has presented extensive enforcement difficulties for EPA. On April 3, 2002, EPA provided to DOD new language for incorporation into the ROD. The new language, which focuses primarily on Langley’s use of ICs, deletes requirement of a base-wide implementation plan but includes site-specific requirements. In addition, requirements for a five-year review are deleted. It is anticipated that any further disagreements on the Langley ROD will be elevated to headquarters management at EPA and DOD.

CO-CHAIR ELECTIONS

The Co-Chair term for Steve Hirsh (Region 3) will expire in May 2002. Forum members are requested to send (via e-mail) nominations for the new Co-Chair to Villarreal or Craig Thomas (Region 6) by May 2. Nominees will be announced during the May Forum teleconference, and the elected Co-Chair will be introduced during the Spring TSP meeting.

REGION 5 TECHNICAL ISSUES

Thomas described a pilot study at the Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant north of Minneapolis, MN. A ground water extraction system is in place to address TCE concentrations exceeding 20,000 ppb. Currently, attempts are being made to inject vegetable oil into the ground water to enhance reductive chlorination through microbial activity.

It has been found that earlier site characterization, including interactions of the ground and surface waters with the Mississippi River, may be incomplete and/or in error. To address this problem, metal tracers have been added to the system in order to track reactions occurring underground. If vegetable oil injections prove unsuccessful, very limited remediation alternatives are available due to the oil's tendency to trap contaminants in the soil. In addition, concern exists over the possibility that the oil may produce a sheen on the river.

OPEN MIKE

Members noted that Headquarters has not yet provided information to the regions on DOD's recent reclassification of certain RD/RA efforts as MILCON projects, as discussed briefly during the last FFLC and Forum teleconferences. Members expressed their need to better understand which sites are affected by this change.

John Quander (TIO) highlighted the need for enhanced Forum coordination with NARPM. Members noted that Renee Wynn (FFRRO) is continuing coordination efforts. In addition, Driscoll will participate in the NARPM meeting to be held later this year. Mary Cooke (Region 3) explained that the agenda for this meeting will include more federal facility issues than in past years, but noted that additional input regarding specific discussion topics is needed from the Forum.

ATTENDEES

Meghan Cassidy, Region 1
Bill Roach, Region 2
Stacie Driscoll, Region 3
Mary Cooke, Region 3
Robert Pope, Region 4
Craig Thomas, Region 5
Gary Schafer, Region 5
Chris Villarreal, Region 6
Ruben Zamarripa, Missouri DNR
Robert Weld, Virginia DEQ
John Quander, TIO
Tracey Seymour, FFRRO
Sandra Novotny, EMS, Inc.